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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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SUBJ: NEAR EAST COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

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1. EMBASSY AGREEABLE TO HOLDING SUBJECT CONFERENCE IN
TUNISIA MAR 30-APR 1.

2. SHOULD BE LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING SUFFICIENT
RESERVATIONS IN APPROPRIATE HOTEL WITHOUT ADVANCE DEPOSIT
BUT NEED TO MAKE FIRM RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
TUNIS HILTON PREPARED TO PROVIDE CONFERENCE ROOM FREE OF
CHARGE SUITABLE FOR 30-40 PARTICIPANTS. SHERATON HOTEL
IN HAMMAMET HAS IN PAST ALSO BEEN WILLING PROVIDE CONFERENCE
ROOM FREE OF CHARGE FURING OFF-SEASON. HAMMAMET ABOUT
1-HOUR BY CAR FROM TUNIS INQUIET SURROUNDINGS BUT
INCOVENIENT LOGISTICALLY. SHOULD MAKE FIRM RESERVATIONS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. IN ORDER INTERFERE AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE WITH NORMAL
POST OPERATIONS, EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT QUALIFIED DEPENDENT
WIFE BE HIRED AS SECRETARY FOR CONFERENCE. FOR SAME
REASON, WE ALSO PROPOSE USE OF CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN RENTAL CAR
SUPPLEMENTED AS NECESSARY BY EMBASSY CAR. BOTH SECRETARY
AND RENTED CAR TO COME FROM CONFERENCE BUDGET.

4. AS IS CUSTOMARY WITH REGARD SUCH CONFERENCES, AMBASSADOR
WILLING HOST RECEPTION. IT IS ALSO CUSTOMARY TO FUND
RECEPTION OUT OF CONFERENCE BUDGET.

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